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SUBJ: HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION: 1503 PROCEDURES

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1. AT THE A.M. MEETING FEBRUARY 18 HRC DECIDED WITHOUT A VOTE TO INVITE THE CHAIRMAN OF THE SUBCOMMISSION WORKING GROUP ON 1503 CASES (SEKYIAMAH) TO BE PRESENT AT THE CLOSED SESSIONS WHEN 1503 CASES ARE TAKEN UP UNDER ITEM 12(B).

2. THE DECISION WAS MADE OVER OBJECTIONS AND QUESTIONS BY CUBA, USSR, BYELORUSSIA, AND UGANDA. THE USSR SAID THEY WOULD HAVE VOTED AGAINST THE INVITATION TO SEKYIAMAH. THEY DECLINED TO VOTE IN ORDER TO AVOID CERTAIN DEFEWT.

3. THE HRC DECIDED TO BEGIN DISCUSSION OF ITEM 12(B) AT THE TWO SESSIONS ON TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 22. THIS DECISION WAS MADE AT THE SUGGESTION OF THE CHAIRMAN AND IS PRESUMABLY BASED ON A REQUEST MADE DURING THE ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING BY THE DELEGATE OF
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UGANDA, WHO ASKED THAT THE COMMISSION TAKE UP ITEM 12(B) ON OR ABOUT FEBRUARY 21 TO ACCOMMODATE THE UGANDAN MINISTER OF JUSTICE WHO WILL BE PRESENT DURING THE SESSION.

4. COMMENT: USDEL REGARDS INVITATION TO SEKYIAMAH AS VALUABLE BECAUSE IMPORTANT NON-ALIGNED

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DELEGATIONS SUPPORTED PARTICIPATION IN 1503 PROCEDURES.
KEY ROLE OF SEKYIAMAH WILL MAKE IT MORE DIFFICULT
TO DEPICT 1503 AS "WESTERN TOOL" AND COULD ENHANCE
POSSIBILITY OF FURTHER STEPS TO STRENGTHEN OR AT
LEAST SAFEGUARD 1503 PROCEDURES. SEKYIAMAH INVITA-
TION ALSO USEFUL AS INDICATION THAT U.S. POINT OF
VIEW CAN PREVAIL ON SOME IMPORTANT ISSUES EVEN
AGAINST USSR PRESSURES.CATTO

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